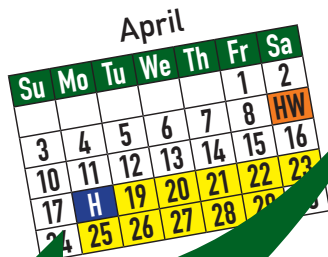




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We've got news!

We Measured the Whole City's Carbon Footprint

Our recently completed Green House Gas Inventory revealed some interesting data about carbon emissions generated citywide by all of us as well as just by government operations. For example, currently Somerville emits 609,565 metric tons of carbon annually. That means a forest 185 times the size of Somerville would be required to sequester all of our carbon emissions for one year. The inventory is an important step in our planning to address climate change. Learn more at somervillema.gov/sustainaville.

Solar Power Discounts Coming to Somerville

Somerville is a 2016 Solarize Mass community. This summer, the City and community volunteers will be launching a campaign to help bring rooftop solar to your home or small business at reduced cost. Sign up for updates at somervillema.gov/solarize.

Electric Car Charging Stations Now Open

Somerville now has three public charging stations for electric cars. Look for them in Davis Square, Union Square and at City Hall. E-cars help keep the air cleaner, save fuel, and reduce greenhouse gases. To find EV Charging stations visit: na.chargepoint.com/charge_point.



Free Programs to Cut Your Energy Costs

You can get no-cost home energy assessments, weatherization rebates, incentives for conservation measures, and information on 0% loans for eligible energy improvements through our Somerville Energy Efficiency Now (SEEN) program and MassSave. For more information, please visit somervillema.gov/sustainaville.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE GUIDE 2016

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT



A Message from the Mayor

Inside this year's *Environmental Service Guide* you'll find useful information on recycling, waste disposal, and more that I

hope will make it easy for you to access our environmental services year-round. In addition to keeping our city clean, when you recycle or compost and dispose of waste properly—especially household hazardous waste—you are doing your part to help us provide good environmental stewardship for our city. Safely disposing of hazardous waste like old paint protects our waterways and keeps these toxic materials from posing a risk to our health. Recycling saves resources and energy. And collecting your yard waste for composting returns nutrient-rich matter to our soils while reducing City solid waste costs. In short, each action you take to put waste in its proper place adds up to a better community for everyone. So I thank you for reviewing this guide and for your daily efforts to recycle and keep our city clean.

Joseph A. Curtatone
Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

Discounted Compost Bins

You can purchase a tumbler composter for \$90 at DPW during normal business hours by check, money order, Mastercard or Visa. It's easy to create your own nutrient-rich compost for your garden by composting your lawn clippings and garden waste in your own backyard.



Our New Online Waste Wizard Answers Your Recycling & Trash Questions

Not sure how to dispose of batteries, plastic forks, or anything else? Now you can ask our online Waste Wizard. This super useful service lets you look up any item to find out how to dispose of it, and if you stump it, you can suggest we add your item to the answer list. You can also use the Waste Wizard to check your trash pickup schedule and sign up for alerts for regular pickups, pickup delays, yard waste pickup schedules, and environmental service events such as hazardous waste dropoff or styrofoam recycling days—or just sync it with your electronic calendar. Check out the Waste Wizard at somervillema.gov/wizard.



"Styrofoam" Recycling Event

Sat., June 11, 9 a.m.– (CANCELLED)

Sat., Sept. 10, 9 a.m.–Noon, One Franey Rd.

Expanded polystyrene foam (often known as Styrofoam) is not accepted in recycling bins because it crumbles and contaminates other recycling items. Fortunately, it can still be recycled properly at our two Styrofoam Recycling Days in June and September. You can recycle EPS foam marked with the recycling symbol and the number 6, such as packing blocks, clean produce and meat trays or take-out containers, cups, foam egg cartons, and white insulation sheets. *No packing peanuts please!*



Annual Discounted Rain Barrel Special

Deadline for orders: Wed., April 6, 5 p.m.

Pickup day: Sat., May 14, 9-11 a.m., One Franey Rd.

Every spring the City offers residents discounted rain barrels. Why? Because rainwater collection and reuse helps save you money on your water bill and also helps to reduce flooding by reducing the stormwater runoff from rain. Barrels must be pre-ordered by April 6th at 5 p.m. at greatamericanrainbarrel.com (click "Community Programs") or call 1-800-251-2352. Price: \$75-\$79 plus tax. Pre-ordered barrels must be picked up at the DPW on Saturday, May 14, between 9 and 11 a.m.



Contact Information & Hours

Call 311 (or 617-666-3311) or visit somervillema.gov/trash

DPW, One Franey Road, Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.



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DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

CONTAINERS:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans, Trays & Foil
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Metal Cans
- Milk Cartons, Juice boxes & all Tetra Paks®
- Large Plastics (buckets, laundry baskets, toys)
- Stiff Plastic Containers
- Spiral Cans (potato chip, nut cans)



**With zero-sort,
your recycling all
goes in one cart!**

**Mix clean containers
and papers together
in one cart.**

**Flatten or nest
cardboard boxes
when possible.**

**More info at
[somervillema.gov/
recycling](http://somervillema.gov/recycling)**

PAPERS:

- Books (rip off hard covers)
- Cardboard Boxes
- Paper Coffee Cups (empty)
- Frozen Food Boxes (if it rips)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls)
- Phone Books & Junk Mail (remove free samples)
- Pizza Boxes (empty, no food)
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper (in clear plastic or a paper bag)
- White & Colored Paper (staples, paper clips, spirals OK)
- Wrapping Paper



NOT ALLOWED IN RECYCLING CART:

- No Trash
- No Plastic Bags
- No Plastic Knives, Forks, Spoons
- No Styrofoam
- No Food Waste
- No Toothbrushes
- No Ceramics, Dishes or Glassware
- No Clothes Hangers
- No Electronics or Light Bulbs
- No Paint Containers
- No Paper Towels or Napkins
- No Photographs or Blueprints
- No Pots, Pans or Scrap Metal
- No Windows, Plate Glass or Mirrors
- No DVDs, CDs, VCR or Cassette Tapes



HOW TO DISPOSE OF SPECIAL ITEMS:

- **White Goods** - For disposal of large household appliances such as refrigerators or air conditioners, purchase a \$25 white good sticker (by check, money order, Visa, or MC) at DPW or the City Hall Clerk's Office. Visit somervillema.gov/recycling for appliance list.
- **Electronics** - For TVs and computer monitors only, schedule free curbside pickup by calling 311 or drop off at DPW during normal business hours. All other electronic items may be dropped off at DPW during normal business hours (between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) with proof of residency (driver's license and/or utility bill).
- **Household Furniture** - Limited to two items per week curbside with regular trash.
- **Mattresses/Boxsprings** - Place curbside with regular trash.
- **Batteries** - Non-rechargeable household batteries such as A, AA, go in the trash. Dispose of rechargeable and button cell batteries on Household Hazardous Waste Days.

Questions? Visit somervillema.gov/recycling

2016 TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE CALENDAR

April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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May

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June

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KEY

- H** Trash / Recycling pickup is delayed by one day following a holiday for all remaining days that week
- HW** Household Hazardous Waste disposal days
- Yard Waste** pickup weeks

EVENTS

- Rain Barrel Pickup Day**, April 11 (must pre-order by April 4)
- Styrofoam Recycling Fall Event**, September 10

(see details on cover)

HOW TO DISPOSE OF YARD AND HAZARDOUS WASTE



Photo: Natasha Burger, LifeInTheVille

- Seasonal Yard Waste Pickup** - Place curbside on your regular trash pickup day during highlighted weeks on the calendar. Store in paper bags or barrels marked with City-issued "Yard Waste Only" free stickers. Cut bush and tree limbs into 3 ft. x 3 ft. bundles and tie with only string or twine. No plastic bags allowed! Call **311** for stickers or visit DPW or City Hall.
- Year-Round Yard Waste Dropoff** - At DPW with proof of residency, during normal business hours.
- Christmas Trees** - Place curbside with regular trash in December and January. Remove all decorations. Do not place in plastic bag.

HW Hazardous Waste Collection Days

When and Where: Second Saturday of the month from April to November, 9 a.m.-noon at the DPW yard.

- Open to City residents only:** Bring a utility bill or driver's license showing a Somerville address. No businesses or rental property owners are eligible.
- Accepted material at HW days:** Paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries, compact fluorescent light (CFL) light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, and household chemicals in small quantity. Please visit somervillema.gov/recycling for full list.
- MATERIALS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF IN PLASTIC TRASH BAGS DUE TO POSSIBLE SPILLS / LEAKS.**

Questions? Call 311 (or 617-666-3311)